

~~Sec. 6. Report to Legislature. The commission shall make a report to the legislature not later than January 15, 1955, setting forth its findings as a result of such investigation and study, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper.~~

~~Sec. 7. Expenses, payment. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.~~

*Insert* ~~Sec. 8. Appropriation. The sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the general revenue fund in the state treasury to this commission for use in performing the duties imposed under the provisions of this act. The payment of such expenses shall be approved on behalf of the commission by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and then paid in the manner provided by law. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.~~ *500*

Approved April 23, 1953.

## CHAPTER 692—S. F. No. 2

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*An act creating a commission to investigate and study all matters relating to highways and appropriating money therefor.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Highways commission.** A commission to investigate and study all matters relating to highways is hereby created to consist of seven members of the Senate, and seven citizens of Minnesota who are not officers or employees of the state, all to be appointed by the Committee on Committees, and seven members of the House of Representatives, and seven citizens of Minnesota who are not officers or employees of the state, all to be appointed by the speaker. The appointment of such committee shall be made upon the passage of this act. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing power.

Sec. 2. **Complete study and investigation.** The commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed and complete investigation and study of all the factors contributing to a sound highway policy for this state, including, but not limited to, the adequacy of existing highways, the need for additional

highways in the future, the use of available funds, the need for additional funds, the adequacy of present taxes for highway purposes, the need for new or increased taxes for highway purposes, weights and lengths of trucks and wear and tear caused by the use of trucks and buses upon public highways in the state, toll roads and turnpikes, the present distribution of taxes for highway purposes, and the need for revision thereof. For the purposes of this act, highways shall include trunk highways, state aid roads, county roads, county aid roads, town roads, and streets and roads within municipalities.

**Sec. 3. Meetings, officers.** The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

**Sec. 4. Testimonial powers, assistance.** The commission may subpoena witnesses and records, employ such assistance as it deems necessary to effectually perform its duties. It may do all things necessary and convenient to enable it to adequately accomplish its purposes.

**Sec. 5. Governmental officials to cooperate.** Every state, county, town and municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission on Highways and to make available to the commission, upon request by it, all records and information which is under his control relating to the subject matter of this act.

**Sec. 6. Report to Legislature.** The commission shall make a report to the legislature not later than March 15, 1954, setting forth its findings relating to the distribution of the proceeds of the tax upon motor vehicles as a result of such investigation and study and not later than December 15, 1954, a final and complete report setting forth its findings, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper in an effort to assist the legislature in the formulation of a stable and fair policy for the maintenance and expansion of the highways within the State of Minnesota.

**Sec. 7. Expenses, payment.** The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 8. Appropriation.** The sum of \$40,000 is hereby appropriated from the trunk highway fund in the state treasury and \$20,000 is hereby appropriated from the state road and bridge fund in the state treasury, or, proportionately, so much thereof as may be necessary, all to the Commission on Highways for use in performing the duties imposed under the provisions of this act. The payment of such expenses shall be approved on behalf of the commission by the chairman and at

least two other members of the commission and then paid in the manner provided by law. A general summary or statement of expenses incurred by the commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 693—S. F. No. 92

*An act relating to blind aid; authorizing certain deductions from gross income before determination of monthly earned income; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.53, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 600, Section 5.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.53, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 600, Section 5, is amended to read:

**256.53 Amount of assistance.** Subdivision 1. **Determined by state agency.** The amount of assistance which any recipient shall receive shall be determined by the state agency, with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the state agency, and sufficient when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide him with a reasonable subsistence compatible [compatible] with decency and health. *The first \$50 of earned monthly income shall be disregarded in determining the need of an applicant or recipient and the following deductions from the gross income of the applicant or recipient from salaries, wages, commissions, sales and fees unless reimbursed by the employer, shall be deducted before determining such earned monthly income:*

- (1) *expenses of travel incidental to employment;*
- (2) *cost of meals and lodging away from home necessarily incurred to earn income;*
- (3) *cost of merchandise purchased for sale;*
- (4) *salaries, wages, commissions or fees paid by the applicant or recipient where necessary in carrying on his business or profession;*
- (5) *interest paid on business or professional indebtedness;*